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Bears Wanted

Jacksons Mill, Weston, W. Va.,
March 12, 1927

Mr. Andrew Price.
Marlinton, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Price:

We are very anxious to have a pair of cub bears at the State Four-H Camp at Jacksons Mills this summer. If you can in any way direct me to where we can get some, or get some for us we will greatly appreciate it. We want them small, but with their eyes open, good healthy cubs, and from such a point that we can get them to Camp in good shape. We are willing to pay something for them but want to avoid any exorbitant price. Yours very truly,

W. H. Kendrick, Assistant
Director, In Charge Four-H Clubs.

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BEARS BY WHOLESALE

L. A. Galford, of Durbin, sends in the following letter about the killing of the seven bears near Durbin during the months of November and and December, 1926:

Editor Times.

Last fall about the first of November, Hayes Hamrick, of Webster Springs, came to the mountains round about Durbin and built five bear pens. These pens were baited with beef.

The first bear caught was a small one. It went in on the side of the pen, and the lid fell on it and killed it. However, the pen was visited the next day, and the meat was not spoiled.

The next bear caught was a male bear. It weighed 223 pounds dressed, and was very fat.

The third bear we caught was a female that dressed 204 pounds. It was the fattest bear I have ever seen.

Then about that time Kemp Meeks came to my place from his home at Stony Bottom. He had a bad case of bear fever. I saw that nothing but a bear hunt would cure him. So Hayes and Kemp and I went up to May to camp and hunt.

There were a party of hunters at May, who had been hunting bear for thirty days but had gotten none. They were going home the day we started to hunt. They laughingly said if you kill one before the train runs, bring it in and we will buy it from you. We did kill one before

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the train left May, but did not get to in before the hunters left.

Starting on the hunt we traveled north from May about three miles along the east face of Shafer Mountain. We tracked eight bear that had come out to feed and then gone back in the jungles. About noon we came on the tracks of a bear that had got up fresh and was headed for the East side. We followed. On top of the mountain the bear came on to our sign made earlier in the day, and he turned back and went in a laurel thicket.

I told Hayes and Kemp to take stands and I wonld route him out. I followed him. He went into the worst part of the thicket he could find and laid down. In going in I had to crawl. I heard him get up, and I tore through the laurel as fast as I could go and I was soon out of the worst part. Just then I heard the keen report of Meeks' and Hambrick's rifles. Kemp fired three shots and Hayes two. Then I heard a warwhoop that would have made

close. When I arrived a war dance was had around the bear, which was dead before we got to him. Hayes hit him with both shots. Kemp scored two hits out of three. We realized we were a long ways from campand supper. We started with the bear. About half way to camp we stopped and dressed the bear and hung him up until the next morning.

It was after dark when we got into camp, tired but happy. Next morning we carried the bear into May, and Kemp took the afternoon train for Stony Bottom, taking the bear with him. This bear weighed 210 pounds dressed.

The next bear we caught was a male bear and an old one. We shipped him to Clarksburg. I have not heard how much he weighed. He had both ears slit open and a scar across his nose. He was gray around the mouth, showing him to be old.

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The next bears caught were an old mother bear and her cub in the same pen. The old bear was alive but the cub was dead, caught by the neck.

Thus ended our bear hunting operations for the winter, but we hope to get a few more next spring. If the farmers would go after the bears in earnest like Mr. Underwood and his neighbors on Beaver Creek did, and stay until the bears were dead, we would soon be rid of the bears which are such a pest to the sheep raisers.

L. A. Galford.

Durbin, W. Va.

BASKET BALL

Our Marlinton Independent Basket Ball team met defeat at the hands of the crack Greenbank team last Sat-

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J. H. Miller, Co. Agent

Boyd Rexrode was carrying a gun loaded with number 5 bird shot on a road on Greenbrier River above Thornwood. He looked around and saw a three year old black bear within a few feet of him and thereupon he fired the load of bird shot at the bear, and shot it through the heart and killed it. It was a good big bear He had the hide at the courthouse Monday to prove the bounty.

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Col. R. I. Walkup, of Renick, saw a big bear on Cold Knob last week. He was driving a flock of sheep along a grassy road. The bear came within sixty steps of him and was in sight for a long distance. It appeared to be coming from the chestnut woods on the Williamsburg side and headed towards the fastnesses of Laurel creek. No gun. Sheep and dog went to cover in woods on side of road.

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in a generation. At Mill Gap and McDowell, in Highland county, bridges were washed away. At Hot Springs, in Bath county, great damage was done to bridges, sideswalks and roads.

A bear hunt is in progress on the Alleghenies today, Wednesday. Dick Smith, Reid Moore, the Gibsons are with their bear dogs. Monday afternoon the word came that a big bear had killed sheep Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights near the Ryder Gap.

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